

The purpose of this separate memorandum is to underscore certain provision of existing law that can help ensure that all communities and persons across this Nation live in a safe and healthful environment. Environmental and civil rights statutes provide many opportunities to address environmental hazards in minority communities and low-income communities. Application of these existing statutory provisions is an important part of this Administration's efforts to prevent those minority communities and low-income communities from being subject to disproportionately high and adverse environmental effects.

I am therefore today directing that all department and agency heads take appropriate and necessary steps to ensure that the following specific directives are implemented immediately:

In accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, each Federal agency shall ensure that all programs or activities receiving Federal financial assistance that affect human health or the environment do not directly, or through contractual or other arrangements, use criteria, methods, or practices that discriminate on the basis of race, color, or national origin.

Each Federal agency shall analyze the environmental effects, including human health, economic and social effects, of Federal actions, including effects on minority communities and low-income communities, when such analysis is required by the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), 42 U.S.C. section 4321 *et seq.* Mitigation measures outlined or analyzed in an environmental assessment, environmental impact statement, or record of decision, whenever feasible, should address significant and adverse environmental effects of proposed Federal actions on minority communities and low-income communities.

Each Federal agency shall provide opportunities for community input in the NEPA process, including identifying potential effects and mitigation measures in consultation with affected communities and improving the accessibility of meetings, crucial documents, and notices.

The Environmental Protection Agency, when reviewing environmental effects of pro-

posed action of other Federal agencies under section 309 of the Clean Air Act, 42 U.S.C. section 7609, shall ensure that the involved agency has fully analyzed environmental effects on minority communities and low-income communities, including human health, social, and economic effects.

Each Federal agency shall ensure that the public, including minority communities and low-income communities, has adequate access to public information relating to human health or environmental planning, regulations, and enforcement when required under the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. section 552, the Sunshine Act, 5 U.S.C. section 552b, and the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act, 42 U.S.C. section 11044.

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This memorandum is intended only to improve the internal management of the Executive Branch and is not intended to nor does it create, any right, benefit, or trust responsibility, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or equity by a party against the United States, its agencies, its officers, or any person.

William J. Clinton

Digest of Other White House Announcements

The following list includes the President's public schedule and other items of general interest announced by the Office of the Press Secretary and not included elsewhere in this issue.

February 6

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Houston, TX, and remained overnight.

February 7

In the afternoon, the President toured the Lyndon B. Johnson Space Center. In the evening, he traveled to Shreveport, LA, and remained overnight.

February 8

In the afternoon, the President returned to Washington, DC.

The White House announced the President sent a request to the Congress for additional funds to assist Midwestern States in their flood recovery efforts.

Nominations Submitted to the Senate

The following list does not include promotions of members of the Uniformed Services, nominations to the Service Academies, or nominations of Foreign Service officers.

Submitted February 9

Guido Calabresi,
of Connecticut, to be U.S. Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit, vice Thomas J. Meskill, retired.

Robert Harlan Henry,
of Oklahoma, to be U.S. Circuit Judge for the Tenth Circuit, vice William J. Holloway, Jr., retired.

Frank M. Hull,
of Georgia, to be U.S. District Judge for the Northern District of Georgia, vice Marvin Shoob, retired.

W. Louis Sands,
of Georgia, to be U.S. District Judge for the Middle District of Georgia (new position).

Sheldon Whitehouse,
of Rhode Island, to be U.S. Attorney for the District of Rhode Island for a term of 4 years, vice Lincoln C. Almond, resigned.

Checklist of White House Press Releases

The following list contains releases of the Office of the Press Secretary that are neither printed as items nor covered by entries in the Digest of Other White House Announcements.

Released February 4¹

Announcement of press briefings on the fiscal year 1995 budget to be held at the White House and Cabinet agencies

¹ This release was not received in time for inclusion in the appropriate issue.

Released February 5

Statement by Press Secretary Dee Dee Myers on agreement in principle between Cyprus President Clerides and Turkish Cypriot leader Denktash on confidence-building measures

Statement by Press Secretary Dee Dee Myers on the jobs conference for G-7 leaders in Detroit, MI, on March 14-15

Released February 7

Transcript of remarks by Press Secretary Dee Dee Myers to the White House press corps pool in Houston, TX

Transcript of a press briefing by Assistant to the President for Economic Policy Bob Rubin, Council of Economic Advisers Chair Laura D'Andrea Tyson, and Director of the Office of Management and Budget Leon Panetta on the budget

Statement by Press Secretary Dee Dee Myers announcing the availability of a complete electronic version of the fiscal year 1995 budget

Released February 9

Transcript of a press briefing by the Director of National Drug Control Policy Lee Brown on the national drug control strategy

Transcript of a press briefing by U.S. Trade Representative Mickey Kantor and Deputy Secretary of the Treasury Roger Altman on Deputy Assistant to the President for Economic Policy W. Bowman Cutter on the visit by Japanese Prime Minister Hosokawa

Announcement of U.S. recognition of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

Announcement of National AIDS Policy Coordinator Kristine M. Gebbie's support of the national drug control policy

Released February 10

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Dee Dee Myers

Announcement of appointment of members of the Bipartisan Commission on Entitlement Reform